

chief favourites had made for the wants of the people; and how he sold the grain to all who came to him, that their lives might be spared.

This intelligence revived their drooping spirits, and ten of his sons immediately prepared themselves with asses, and whatever was necessary, to make a journey into Egypt, to procure corn. But they left Benjamin at home, to bear his father's company till they returned.

Now, methinks, they hasten on their way, and sweet fields, or fruitful gardens, catch their eyes, and tempt their feet to linger. The land consumed with drought, presents a melancholy scene, and the barrenness of every mark, which was given him by Pharaoh, as an endowment, through which they pass, warns them to quicken their steps, that they and theirs might be preserved from perishing. Thus imagining to ourselves, that they are nearly entering the land of Egypt, we shall conclude this chapter.

CHAP.

## CHAP. IX.

*The first Interview of Joseph and his Brethren in Egypt.*

WHEN these ten brothers reached the capital city of Egypt, their first business was to enquire for the governor of the land, who had the power to sell corn to those who came from foreign parts. Now Joseph transacted the whole of this business himself; therefore they were immediately directed to him. We must here remark, that he now was known by a different name, which was given him by Pharaoh, as an endowment conferred for his services. And when we recollect, that he had been in Egypt upwards of seventeen years, such alterations must have been made in his person, as to prevent his brothers from having any knowledge of him.

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